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Title: HEAT EXCHANGER CORE, AND METHOD OF
ASSEMBLING THE HEAT EXCHANGER CORE

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated February 25, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time for one-month to make this response timely.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claim:

~~22. (New) A heat exchanger core according to claim 1, wherein a width of a widest portion of said insertion section is made smaller than the width of said reinforcement hole, and wherein a width of a narrowest portion of the insertion section is made larger than the length of the linear section.~~

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